

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant  | : Burkhard K. Neidecker-Lutz | Art Unit      | : 2168              |
| Serial No. | : 10/679,498                 | Examiner      | : Mahesh H. Dwivedi |
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| Title      | : SORTING RESULT BUFFER      |               |                     |

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.